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WEEK LONG COMMANDERS' CALL TERMINATED MARCH 8 WITH
MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
AS FOLLOWS:

A. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED TWO REGULATIONS (EFFECTIVE
MARCH 5) SPELLING OUT IN DETAIL REFORM MEASURES ANNOUNCED
JAN 22 (REFTEL) WHICH WOULD ENFORCE "SIMPLE LIFE" AND
END MOST PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BY HIGH OFFICIALS
AND THEIR WIVES. LUXURIOUS OFFICIAL CARS, MULTIPLE
OFFICES, AND OTHER FORMS OF HIGH LIVING OUTLAWED FOR
MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVANTS. TEXTS OF NEW REGULATIONS
WILL BE POUCHED WITH FURTHER COMMENT RE LIKELIHOOD OF
ENFORCEMENT. ALREADY (ACCORDING PRESS) IBNU SUTWO
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OF STATE OIL COMPANY (PERTAMINA) HAS TURNED HIS ROLLS

ROYCE IN TO STATE SECRETARIAT AS "LUXURY CAR" SUBJECT TO NEW REGULATION (RATHER THAN CLAIMING IT AS PRIVATE VEHICLE, AND HENCE EXEMPT, AS HE PRESUMABLY MIGHT HAVE DONE).

B. IN TOUGH TALK TO PARTICIPANTS IN COMMANDERS' CALL ON MARCH 8, PRESIDENT SUHARTO REAFFIRMED HIS CONVICTION THAT "CERTAIN POLITICAL FORCES" WHICH HE SAID WERE AS DANGEROUS AS THE COMMUNISTS WERE BEHIND THE "JANUARY 15 INCIDENT" (ANTI-TANAKA RIOTS). HE REITERATED THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TAKE FIRM BUT CONSTITUTIONAL MEASURES AGAINST "PLANNERS AND MOVERS" OF WHAT HE TERMED A "NATIONAL SHAME," BUT DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL REGARDING LIKELIHOOD OF TRIALS. PRESIDENT ALSO ASSERTED ARMED FORCES LEADING ROLE SINCE 1965 WAS IN NATIONAL INTEREST AND NOT INTENDED TO CREATE "MILITARY DICTATORSHIP."

C. PRESS COVERAGE OF COMMANDERS' CALL (INCLUDING PHOTOS) MADE IT CLEAR THAT DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER SUMITRO WAS NOT RPT NOT IN ATTENDANCE. HIS FALL FROM GRAV IS THUS NOW A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. HOWEVER NO OTHER DETAILS YET ANNOUNCED RE FURTHER CHANGES IN ARMED FORCES COMMAND STRUCTURE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT COMMANDERS' CALL SESSIONS.

D. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BRIG GEN SUMRAHADI ANNOUNCED THAT HENCEFORTH DEFENSE SECURITY AGENCY KOPKAMTIB WILL CONFINE ITSELF TO MATERS DIRECTLY INVOLVING DEFENSE AND SECURITY. COMMENT: ON SURFACE THIS APPEARS TO BE REFUTATION OF PRACTICE WHICH DEVELOPED UNDER GENERAL SUMITRO OF EXTENDING KOPKAMTIB'S WRIT TO SOCIAL (AND OTHER) AFFAIRS, EG, FORMULATING THE 1973 BAN ON GAMBLING. END COMMENT.
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